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REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 1, 3-6, and 11-22. The amendment and cancellation of claims have been requested without prejudice to refile this subject matter in a continuation application. The previous submissions overcome the rejections and objections made in the December 24, 2002, Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all rejections and objections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

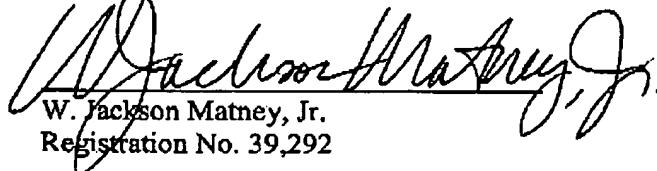
In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response; please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (64227-00002USPT).

Respectfully submitted,

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